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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE REQUESTS

REF: (A) BANGKOK 7241; (B) BANGKOK 6824; (C) BANGKOK 3951

1. DEPARTMENT CONCERNED THAT EMB'S GOOD OFFICES AND DESIRE TO BE OF SERVICE ARE BEING ABUSED BY US CITIZENS WHO OWN OR OPERATE AIRCRAFT INTO OR FROM THAILAND. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT NOT AWARE OF FULL BACKGROUND OF EACH CASE, REFTELS SUGGEST TO BOTH DEPARTMENT AND FAA THAT THIS MIGHT BE HAPPENING.

2. DEPARTMENT AND FAA OF COURSE ENCOURAGE ANY ASSISTANCE IN BEHALF OF US OWNED AND/OR OPERATED AIRCRAFT WHICH IN EMB'S JUDGEMENT IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, AT A MINIMUM, WE HOPE EMB HAS OBTAINED SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES FROM THESE INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVED IN FLIGHTS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO

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OBTAIN IN THEIR OWN RIGHT WHAT THEY ARE ASKING EMB TO GET FOR THEM. (I.E. REFTEL A DESCRIBES EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF A JAPANESE REGISTERED ALBEIT US PILOTED, US-MADE AIRCRAFT; REFTEL B AND C DESCRIBE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN "FERRY PERMIT" FOR US OWNED, US-MADE FORMERLY THAI REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. IN BOTH INSTANCES THE VIEW FROM ADMITTEDLY REMOTE DISTANCE SUGGESTS PILOTS OR

OWNERS SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT
CLEARANCES OR "FERRY PERMITS" RATHER THAN EMB).

3. FYI: FAA WILL PROVIDE EMB ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON
"FERRY PERMITS" SOON. APPARENTLY THESE PERMITS ARE
GRANTED ONLY BY COUNTRY (I.E. THE FAA) WHICH HAS
REGISTERED THE AIRCRAFT AND ARE ISSUED ONLY UPON
SATISFACTORY PROOF THAT THE AIRCRAFT MEETS THE FAA'S
AIRWORTHINESS CRITERIA. SUGGEST EMB WAIT FOR ADDITIONAL
INFO BEFORE PROVIDING FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL
WHO IS SOLICITING EMB'S ASSISTANCE FOR AIRCRAFT CITED
IN REFTTEL B AND C. VANCE

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